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California Water Plan Update 2018  
Strategic Water Planning Branch  
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**Re: Comments - California Water Plan Update 2018**

Zone 7 Water Agency (Zone 7, or Zone 7 of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District) has reviewed the California Water Plan Update 2018 in the context of Zone 7's mission to provide water supply, flood protection, and groundwater and stream management within the Livermore-Amador Valley.

Following are our comments for your consideration.

1. **Page 1-5:** Figures 1-1, 1-2, and 1-3 would benefit from improved formatting (for example, wider palate of colors) to help the reader understand the information more readily. On Figure 1-1, the pie chart summaries may be misunderstood by the reader because the total quantities are not consistent from year to year; using bar charts similar to those in Figures 1-2 and 1-3 might be an alternative.
2. **Pages 1-6, 1-7:** Figures 1-4a, b, and c would benefit from more context and a legend. For example, clarify if these values represent all spending in the US, or only in California.
3. **Page 3-2:** Public awareness and understanding should be increased for all statewide water supply issues, and not limited to flood risk.
4. **Page 3-3:** Goal 5 should include streamlined permitting for all important water projects, including flood control and water supply, and not limited to restoration efforts called out in 5.2.
5. **Page 4-1:** Many local agencies are also hindered by funding restrictions based on their own charter / regulations (for example, Zone 7 does not have a funding stream for restoration projects, unless it is expressly tied to our core mission of water supply, groundwater management, and flood protection), and need partners or grants in order to develop more robust and thoughtful projects. Furthermore, grant requirements that are highly specific or exclusive can also hinder

funding for projects that nevertheless may be important, e.g. grants for planning, or for land acquisition.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this project. We look forward to continued stakeholder engagement as more specific recommendations are developed.

If you have any questions on this letter, please feel free to contact me at (925) 454-5064 or via email at [cmahoney@zone7water.com](mailto:cmahoney@zone7water.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Carol Mahoney', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Carol Mahoney  
Manager of Integrated Water Resources

cc: Valerie Pryor, Amparo Flores, file